

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2016

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Andrew Eggers, and Keith Fox answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council President Stephen Barnett and Councilor Richard Wertz were absent.

Councilor Austin offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Public Comments

Fire Chief Dan McElyea introduced new firefighter Cody Parrott, and Mayor McGuinness did the swearing in of firefighter Parrott.

Discussion of Wayne Street Construction - Sharon Cline came forward to discuss the Wayne Street Park that will be lost due to construction in this area. Ms. Cline stated that she had met with Mr. Barnett & Mr. Staley from CrossRoad Engineers concerning this issue. Ms. Cline stated that she had received an email from Mayor McGuinness stating the proposed parking lot in this area is not needed at this time, but may become necessary in the future. Ms. Cline thanked everyone for their response on this issue.

Mayor McGuinness updated everyone on Council President Barnett's condition after a serious racing accident over the weekend.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the September 19, 2016 Common Council Minutes

Councilor Austin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Councilor Eggers made a motion to read all old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-10 A City of Franklin Indiana Budgetary Ordinance Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees for Year 2017 (Civil City) – Mayor McGuinness read the title, and stated this was introduced at the previous meeting. Mayor McGuinness explained that he had presented a new spreadsheet to the council which would give additional increases above the initial 3% as follows: employees making thirty to forty thousand dollars, after the 3% increase, would receive an additional 2%; employees making forty to forty-nine thousand dollars, after the 3% increase, would receive an additional 1%; and those making fifty thousand or over would receive only the initial 3% increase. The Mayor is proposing that the council accept the proposed budget as presented at this time, and then he will come back in November and December with an amended ordinance adding the additional increases. A discussion was held. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with Councilor Austin, Councilor Abban, Councilor Eggers & Councilor Fox stating aye, and Councilor Ault stating nay. The motion carried by a vote of four to one.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-11 A City of Franklin Indiana Budgetary Ordinance Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees for Year 2017 (Sewer Utility) – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. A discussion was held. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-12 A City of Franklin Indiana Budgetary Ordinance Fixing Annual Salaries and Providing Compensation for all Elected Officials for Year 2017 – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. A discussion was held. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-13 A Budgetary Appropriation & Tax Rate Ordinance for Year 2017 – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. A discussion was held. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-14 An Additional Appropriation for Park Infrastructure Capital (Park Impact Fees) in the amount of \$14,374.00 – Mayor McGuinness read the title, and stated that this was presented at the previous meeting. A discussion was held. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-15 Transfer Appropriations from BOW Unemployment Compensation to Cemetery Part-Time Staff in the amount of \$18,000.00 – Mayor McGuinness read the title, and stated that this was presented at the previous meeting. A discussion was held. Councilor Fox made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin.

A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 16-10 An Ordinance Creating and Authorizing the Use of a Roaring Run Grant Fund – Mayor McGuinness read the title. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this was brought forward at a previous meeting, and is to allow her office to set up a fund for the Roaring Run Grant. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Councilor Austin made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 16-11 An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Franklin Authorizing the Investment of Public Funds Pursuant to IC 5-13-9-5.7 – Mayor McGuinness read the title. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this is a housekeeping issue that is done every year to authorize investment in funds, and is for introduction only tonight.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-16 Authorizing an Additional Appropriation to Appropriate Funds from an Insurance Refund Check – Mayor McGuinness read the title. Police Chief Tim O'Sullivan stated he is asking to transfer funds from an insurance refund check to the Police Supplies budget, and is for introduction only tonight.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor Eggers stated that everyone done a great job with the Fall Festival this past weekend.

Councilor Austin stated that he had received great reviews of the fireworks this past weekend.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 10/12/16

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer